It was decided in the second meeting of the Inter-State Council that a Standing Committee of the Council would examine, inter alia, the issue of Emergency Provisions including article 356 in detail and submit its report within three months of its constitution. The report of the Standing Committee shall be discussed in the next meeting of the Council after which the views of the Council shall be forwarded to the Government for consideration and further necessary action. The constitution of the Standing Committee is under consideration.

Sugar Development Council

*79. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the members and objectives of the sugar Development Council;

(b) the number of meetings held by the Council during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(c) the details of recommendations made by the Council during 1995-96; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The names of the members and the objectives of the Development Council are given in enclosed Statements I and II respectively.

(b) During 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 only one meeting of the Council could be held. The Development Council for Sugar Industry was reconstituted on 4.6.1993 and the meeting of the reconstituted Council was held on 23.12.1993. The term of the Council expired on 3.6.1995. It was reconstituted on 23.2.1996. A meeting of Development Council is being held on 26.11.1996.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

STATEMENT - I

The names of Chairman, Member-Secretary and Members of the Development Council for Sugar Industry.

1.	Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Food, New Delhi.	(Chairman)
2.	Shri Shankarrao D. Kale, (Member, Lok Sabha).	Member
3.	Shri Abhay Pratap Singh, (Member, Lok Sabha).	Member
4.	Shri Shivajirao G. Patil, (Member, Rajya Sabha)	Member
5.	Joint Secretary to the Government of India, incharge of Sugar in Ministry of Food, New Delhi.	Member-Secretary
6.	Chief Director, Directorate of Sugar, New Delhi.	Member
7.	Director, National Sugar Institute, Kanpur.	Member
8.	Director, Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune.	Member
9.	Director, Sugar-cane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore.	Member
10.	President, Indian Sugar Mills Association, Sugar House, 39, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019.	Member
11.	Chairman, National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Ltd. 'Vaikunth' (IIIrd Floor), 82-83, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019.	Member
12.	Executive Director, Industrial Finance Corporation of India, Bank of Baroda Building, 16, Sansad Marg, New Delhi.	Member
13.	Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Secretariat of Industrial Approvals, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Industry, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi-11	Member
14.	Managing Director, National Cooperative Development Corporation, 4, Siri Institutional Area, Hauz Khas, New Delhi.	Member
15.	Joint Advisor, Industry and Minerals Division, Planning Commission, Yojna Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi.	Member
16.	President, Uttar Pradesh Khandsari Sugar Manufacturers Association, B-92, Gandhi Nagar, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh.	Member
17.	Shri Mustaq Ahmed, Lohia Nagar, Muzaffar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.	Member
18.	Shri Satyavir Singh Chaudhary, Chaudhary Travels, Akashdeep Hotel, Near Bus Stand, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.	Member
19.	Shri Bijendra Singh 'Munnu' Village and Post Office Khatouni Ballia (Uttar Pradesh)	Member
20.	Shri Surendra Singh, Harjoli Jat, Haridwar, Uttar Pradesh.	Member

21	Shri O.P. Chaudhary, Rampur (Barounsa), Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh.	Member
22	Shri Shyam Lal Tyagi, Advocate, District Court, Sonepat (Haryana).	Member
23	Prof. C. Narasimhappa, 522, Vth Main, P.J. Extension, Davangere (Karnataka).	Member
24	Shri Srikant Shirale, 112, Sagheer Bunglow, Opposite Police Ground, Model Colony, Pune - 16, Maharashtra.	Member

STATEMENT - II

The objectives of the Development Council are as under

1. Recommendation of targets for sugar production/formulation of standard specifications/guidelines to the specifications for plant and machinery or sugar factory incorporating the latest technology.
2. Through its Standing Research Advisory Committee, various research projects are recommended for funding through the Sugar Development Fund. Such projects are aimed at improving the technical efficiency of the factories as also the yield and quality of cane.
3. Through its Standing Advisory Committee on Sugar Standards, ISS grade samples are being prepared each year conforming to specifications prescribed by BIS.
4. Act as a forum for review of Government policies with regard to the sugar industry and make suitable recommendations for the consideration of Government.

New Pricing Policy for Fertilizers

*80. SHRI SHIV RAJ SINGH : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the new Pricing Policy for fertilizers has had adverse impact on the indigenous fertilizer manufacturing Units;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to protect the interest of the indigenous fertilizer manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c). At present, urea is the only controlled fertilizer in respect of which subsidy is paid under the Retention Price-cum-Subsidy Scheme (RPS). The policy parameters for the 6th Pricing effectives from 1.4.1991 are valid upto 31.3.1997. Based on a combination of norms and actuals, RPS provides for a post tax return of 12% on net-worth. The overall capacity utilization of the urea plants has shown a steady improvement in the last 3 years to attain a level of 96.7% in 1995-96.

Cell for North-East Region

554. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to create a separate cell to monitor the developmental activities of the North-East region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). There is already a Division in the Ministry of Home Affairs dealing exclusively with the North-Eastern Region. The Prime Minister himself is taking keen interest in the developmental activities of the said Region. A cell for the North-East is being created in the Prime Minister's Office. This cell would monitor and coordinate the implementation of various initiatives announced by the Prime Minister regarding the North-East.

[Translation]

Reservations for SC/ST

555. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some posts of various categories reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are lying vacant in the various Departments and Undertakings under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the employees of various categories working in Departments and Undertakings under his Ministry have been promoted in addition to the new recruitment made on some posts during the last three years;

(d) if so, details of the recruitments and promotions made on various posts in various categories during the said period, year-wise;

(e) whether the recruitment of SCs/STs has been made in accordance to the reservation rules and the SC/ST employees working there have been promoted in accordance with the reservation rules; and

(f) if not, the action being taken by the Ministry for filling up the vacant reserved posts in various categories